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PATROL REPORT OF: Rabaul, Pomi
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[1] 2-70/71	1-8	Fisher O.P.A. APO	Mandres-Trans-Vidal Resettlement Scheme Area.		Extended 4 th /2/71
[2] 3-70/71	1-29	Anderson J. APO	Gaulim-Kainangonan Nan Council Area		18/1/71 - 20/1/71
[3] 4-70/71	1-11	Dargie R.E. ADO	Bairings- Wide Bay		5/6/71 - 9/6/71
<u>[4] Kokopo</u>					
[4] 1-70/71	1-14	Brown J.K. PO	Part Central Bairings		7/1/71 - 11/1/71
<u>Pomi</u>					
[5] 3-70/71	1-15	Ward J.S. APO	Pt West Mengen Census Division		21/9/70 - 20/11/70
[6] 5-70/71	1-12	Fisher O.P.A. APO	East Mengen Census Division		17/2/71 - 26/2/71
[7] 6-70/71	1-11	Frost Robert. PO	West Mengen Census Division Council Area		17/2/71 - 25/2/71
[8] 8-70/71	cover only	Lockens W.H. D.O./ADC	East & West Mengen Census Divisions ...		4/4/70 - 1/5/70

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EAST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

RABAU & POMIO

1970-71

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2-70-71	A.O.P. Fisher	Mandres
3-70-71	J. Anderson	Gaulim-Kainangunan Non Council
4-70-71	R.E. Dargie	Bainings- wide area

POMIO

3-70-71	J. Ward	Part of the West Mengen C.D.
5-70-71	O. Fisher	East Mengen
6-70-71	R. Frost	West Mengen C.D.

KOKORO

1-70-71	J.K. GAW	Part Central Bainings
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of EAST NEW BRITAIN Report No. 160120 P O
1 - 1970 - 71

Patrol Conducted by J.K. BROWN P.O.

Area Patrolled PART CENTRAL BAINING

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 MEMBER R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 7 / 1 / 1971 to 11 / 1 / 1971

Number of Days FIVE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10 / 5 / 1970

Medical ... --- / --- / 19---

Map Reference SEE ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol ADVERTISE PROSPECTING AUTHORITY No. 222 -

POLITICAL EDUCATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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REPORT No. KOKOPO No. 1 - 1970-71

SUB-DISTRICT KOKOPO

DISTRICT EAST NEW BRITAIN

COUNCIL AREA NON COUNCIL AREA

PATROL CONDUCTED BY J.K. BROWN

DESIGNATION PATROL OFFICER

AREA PATROLLED PART CENTRAL BAINING CENSUS DIVISION

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL 1 MEMBER ROYAL PAPUAN NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY

DURATION OF PATROL 7/-/71 to 11/1/71

DATE & DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL 10/6/70 - TWELVE DAYS

OBJECTS OF PATROL

1. ADVERTISE PROSPECTING AUTHORITY APPLICATION No. 222.
2. POLITICAL EDUCATION.
3. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS (COPY ATTACHED).

TOTAL POPULATION 1,579.

MAP REFERENCE SEE ATTACHED - SCALE 1/4 IN. = 2 MILES

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of Administration

KON DOBU. PAFUA.

23rd March, 1971.

2nd February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
East New Britain District,
RABOUL.

KOKOFO PATROL NO. 1-1970/71.

Your reference 67-2-2 of 2nd February, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. J.K. Brown, Patrol Officer of Central Baining's Census
Division.

Mr. Brown has reported clearly on the attitude of
the people to the application for Prospecting Authority No. 222.

The proposed bridging of the WARANGOI River will un-
doubtedly improve communications to this area.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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the past and regard the Warangoi river as a line...
the total should never cross.

The Baining have a very real fear of losing their land
and this is the basis for their objections and suspicions of
prospecting on their land. They have no doubt never varied



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference...
If calling ask for
Mr.....

DISCOM
2368
67-2-22
EVS/jr.



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 714,
RABAUL.

2nd February, 1971.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONE DOBU.

KOKOPO PATROL NO. 1-70/71

Attached please find two copies of the
above-mentioned Report. For your information
please.

You will be further advised by situation
reports regarding developments in this area.

H.W. West
(H.W. WEST)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
EAST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT

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reports of the Mining operations in Bougainville from various sources and this would increase their fears. I feel that if this prospecting authority is granted we must be informed prior to any prospectors going into the area so that an officer is on the spot to talk to the people again and hope to avoid any confrontation which might occur if prospectors go in unannounced.

For your information please.

Sub-District Office,
KORORUA, B.P.N.

19th January, 1971

Minister Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 774,
KORORUA.

(T. O'Donnell.)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Please find three copies of a report written by Mr. J.L. Brown, Patrol Officer, on his recent patrol to part of the Central Mainland.

I have the following comments.

The idea of a meeting with representatives of the villagers in the area on a preferably a bi-monthly basis is one which I feel should be arranged and continued. In this way progressive reports can be received on changes in attitudes, the state of the problems and fears regarding land matters between the Tolais and the Rainings and allow for general discussions on problems in the area and allow for talks on development for the area.

Visits to this area by our officers have not been so frequent as desirable but the situation on the Casselle peninsula in the past 15 months has demanded the full attention of our officers.

When the bridge across the Kororua River is completed this will mean better communications and closer contact with the people here. However with this bridge will come the Tolais real opportunity to cross the Kororua and commence squabbling and developing land which the Rainings traditionally own. Nothing will stop the Tolais attempting this once the bridge is there for them to travel back and forth between this area and their home villages.

The Rainings comparative poverty to the Tolais makes him an easy target for the Tolais to offer individuals money to get parcels of land. Once this happens incidents of violence could occur as the Rainings have seen themselves lose all the land on the Casselle peninsula to the Tolais in the past and regard the Kororua river as a line over which the Tolais should never cross.

The Rainings have a very real fear of losing their land and this is the basis for their objections and suspicions of prospecting on their land. They have no doubt been varied

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Sub-District Office,
KOKOPO. E.N.B.

19th January, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 714,
RABAUL.

COMMENTS PATROL No. 1 - 70/71

PART CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find three copies of a report written by Mr. J.K. Brown, Patrol Officer, on his recent patrol to part of the Central Bainings.

I have the following comments.

The idea of a meeting with representatives of the villages in the area on a preferably a bi-monthly basis is one which I feel should be arranged and continued. In this way progressive reports can be received on changes in attitudes, the state of the problems and fears regarding land matters between the Tolais and the Bainings and allow for general discussions on problems in the area and allow for talks on development for the area.

Visits to this area by our officers have not been as frequent as desirable but the situation on the Gazelle Peninsula in the past 18 months has demanded the full attention of our officers.

When the bridge across the Warangoi River is completed this will mean better communications and closer contact with the people here. However with this bridge will come the Tolais real opportunity to cross the Warangoi and commence squatting and developing land which the Bainings traditionally own. Nothing will stop the Tolais attempting this once the bridge is there for them to travel back and forth between this area and their home villages.

The Bainings comparative poverty to the Tolai makes him an easy target for the Tolai to offer individuals money to get parcels of land. Once this happens incidents of violence could occur as the Bainings have seen themselves lose all the land on the Gazelle peninsula to the Tolais in the past and regard the Warangoi river as a line over which the Tolai should never cross.

The Bainings have a very real fear of losing their land and this is the basis for their objections and suspicions of prospecting on their land. They have no doubt heard varied

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Sub-District Office,
KOKOPO. E.N.E.

5th January, 1971.

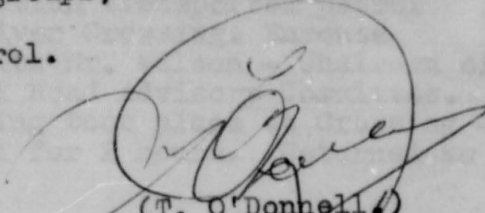
Mr. J.K. Brown,
Patrol Officer,
BITAPAKA.

INSTRUCTIONS PATROL No. 1 - 70/71

PART CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION.

1. As verbally discussed, prepare to mount a patrol to the villages of Sinbum, Marambu, Gar, Lst and Merai to carry out explanations of the Mining Legislation with respect to the Application for Prospecting Authority 222 which covers land owned by these people.
2. This Authority application is to be heard at Wat Wat near the Warangoi River on the 11th January, as the Mining Warden has to meet commitments in Lae on the 12th.
3. Arrange representatives of all these groups to attend the Mining Warden's hearing so they make known their views to the Warden.
4. In the course of your patrol attend routine administrative matters and carry out political education while speaking with the various groups, whenever possible.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.


(T. O'Donnell)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 7/1/71

Departed from Bitapaka Patrol Post to arrive at Warongoi River Crossing at 7.00. Waited for carriers to arrive. 8.00 set out for Sinbum Village - Waking track and conditions poor. Arrived at Sinbum at 13.30. Meeting with Village Officials. Village inspection carried out. Paid Carriers.

19.00 - Talks held with village people regarding P.A. 222. Political education disseminated. Discussions were completed at 21.30. Slept Sinbum Rest House.

Friday 8/1/71

Departed Sinbum and walked to Marambu. Walking time 1 1/2 hours. Set up camp - paid carriers.

13.30 - Village inspection carried out

14.30 - Discussions with people on P.A. 222 Political education disseminated. Arrangement made for early departure for Gar. Slept Marambu Rest House.

Saturday 9/1/71

Departed for Gar at 8.30. Arrived at Gar at 15.30. Rain and flooded Lat River delayed the patrol. On arrival talks with Village Officials. Set up camp paid carriers. Village inspection carried out - General book work. F.O.J., Etc., Slept Gar Rest House.

Sunday 10/1/71

7.00 - Discussions with village people from Lat and Gar regarding P.A. 222. Political disseminated. Word sent to Merai Village and Luluai arrived at 19.00. Arrangements for transport finalised. Visit to Sum Sum Plantation. Discussions with Manager. Slept Gar Village.

Monday 11/1/71

Final discussions with people from Merai regarding P.A. 222. Transport from Talilis Plantation transported patrol to Warongoi River Crossing. Enroute discussions with Mr. Wilson - Chairman of South Warongoi Road Advisory Committee. Warden's hearing took place at Crossing - hearing lasted for 2 hours. Returned to Bitapaka.

END OF PATROL

(J.K. Brown.)
PATROL OFFICER.

CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION

SITUATION REPORT

- A. Introduction
- B. Political
- C. Economic
- D. Social

A. INTRODUCTION

1 - 1 The object of this short patrol was to advertise Prospecting Authority No. 222 to the native landowners and to inform them of a Mining Warden's hearing regarding the application on the 11th January. The patrol also explained to the people articles as set down in revised notes on Mining Legislation and Prospecting operations which was compiled by the Director of Lands Surveys and Mines. The Company who applied for the prospecting authority was Mingur Mines Pty., Ltd.

1 - 2 The patrol departed from the Warongoi River Crossing on the 7th January and returned to the crossing on the 11th January.

1 - 3 The area, is known as the Central Bainings Census Division and is controlled by the Bitapaka Patrol Post and has a population of 1,579. The relief of the area is broken up by rivers which run from the high mountainous plateau down to the coast. The major rivers are, Warongoi, Gar, Lat and Merai.

B. POLITICAL

2. Local Government Council.

2 - 1 There is no Local Government Council established in this area. With a population of 1,579 and isolated villages, plus the fact that the area is not an economical area for cash cropping, a Local Government Council in this area would only operate in the capacity of an advisory body. An advisory body established in this area would be acceptable for the people fear that they would find it difficult to financially maintain a council. An advisory body consisting of representatives from each village would enable the Bainings people to express themselves and state their views to the Administration. The body could meet once a month to discuss economic, social and political development within their area and send minutes of the meetings to Sub-District Office Kokopo. In this way the Administration would be in direct communication with the Bainings. At the present time the only contact these people have with the administration is through patrols of which two D.D.A. patrols have visited the area since July 1969. However, a number of D.D.A. field staff have visited the Coastal villages concerned with the maintenance of the South Warongoi Road.

3. House of Assembly and Members.

3 - 1 The members of the House of Assembly who represent these people are Mr. O. Tamur, the Kokopo Open Electorate and Mr. R. Ashton, the Regional Electorate. Both members appear to take a keen interest in affairs in this area.

Mr. Tamur has conducted patrols into the area, explaining to them political development in the Territory.

3 - 2 It was reported to the patrol that Mr. Tamur had spoken to the people about the intended applications for a prospecting authority and had advised the people against granting authority to the company. This had occurred at Gar sometime in May of last year. This information came from Luluai Putok of Gar Village.

3 - 3 The peoples knowledge of the functions and purpose of the House of Assembly is limited and only when extensive political education propaganda is disseminated will these people be able to advance on their knowledge of the House of Assembly.

4. Political Education.

4 - 1 Political Education was disseminated whenever possible. A copy of the pamphlet issued by the select committee on Constitutional Development also helped in explaining fully the House of Assembly, Central Government, Self Government and Independence. Information from other booklets and pamphlets such as "Lokol Gavman" and "Mekim Moni Belong Yu I Wok" also helped to provide political understanding.

4 - 2 The people are interested and eager to understand the principles of democratic Government, however their real understanding remains fairly limited and the education process will be a long one.

4 - 3 Methods of Political education conducted by the patrol were verbal. It is felt that visual extension methods such as films, slides and paper models provide the people with a greater degree of understanding. Perhaps the next patrol to this area could arrange with the Political Educations Officer in Rabaul for a movie projector and show films at one or two of the coastal villages. If advertised, the people from villages inland could also attend.

4 - 4 The people stated that they were not ready for self Government as yet. They stated that the new name proposed by the Select Committee 'Pagini' didn't sound correct and that the territory should be called 'Nugini'. They also did not like the design of the proposed flag. This information was collected when explaining the Select Committee's pamphlet.

C. Economic

5. General Rural Development.

5 - 1 Although this area was under the control of the early German Administration and after that many years of Australia Administration, it is still a backward area. Rural development is slow. Only a limited amount of cash cropping is carried by the natives. The main crops being Cocoa, Coconuts and Coffee.

5 - 2 There is no native or village owned trade store and all purchasing of small goods is done at trade stores operated by non-indigenous plantations.

5 - 3 There is one road which services this area. The road is operated under an advisory body which is supported by the Administration. The body consists of plantation managers and local Missionaries with Mr. B. Wilson, Manager of Talilis Plantation as chairman. It is hoped that the next financial year will provide funds to build a bridge across the Warongoi River, linking this area directly with Kokopo. At present there exists a river crossing by canoe.

6. Activities of Development Departments.

6 - 1 The Department of Agriculture has done extensive patrols in this area. The patrols are conducted by D.A.S.F. officers from the Warongoi Resettlement Area. The main object of these patrols is to raise the standard of indigenous cash cropping and only time will produce results.

6 - 2 It is unknown where there has been an indigenous person from this area obtaining a loan from the Development Bank. The reason for this is that the patrol did not spend enough time in each village to obtain such information.

6 - 3 With regards to Political Education there has been no extension work carried out by D.I.E.S. officers.

7. Non-Indigenous Development.

7 - 1 There are eight non-indigenous plantations in the area. Two of them are owned by the Catholic Mission and one by the S.D.A. Mission while the rest are owned by private persons or companies.

All of the plantations employ agreement or casual foreign labourers. Several Baining people work casually for one or two months at a time on some of the plantations.

7 - 2 There is no known friction between the indigenous people and the non-indigenous plantation managers.

7 - 3 Services such as trade stores and buying of Cocoa beans from the local people are also provided by the plantations.

8. Processing and Markets.

8 - 1 All cash crop produce is sold to the plantations. The exception however is coffee which is grown inland, and D.A.S.F. officers are responsible for the marketing of this crop.

8 - 2 Most of the plantations have their own facilities for processing their industry.

9. Village Cash Crop Extension.

9 - 1 Cash cropping in the coastal areas is mainly Cocoa and Copra production. While inland coffee is the main cash crop. Village cash cropping is slow and will only progress at a slow rate until better communications are established. It can only be hoped that the building of a bridge across the Warongoi will open up rural development in this area.

D. SOCIAL

10. Education.

10 - 1 There is no Administration Schools in this area. All schools are controlled by missions with the S.D.A. Mission been the most active in this field. They have a high school at Kambubu plus a teacher at Marambu Village.

10 - 2 Educational facilities are extremely poor in the area covered by this patrol. Several small mission Bible schools operate but all are exempt and of low standard. The location of the inland villages has not helped the situation, and until better communications can be established, education will remain neglected.

11. Health.

11 - 1 Of the villages visited, the general health of the people appeared to be of a reasonable standard. There were no reports brought forward to the patrol of outbreaks of an epidemic.

11 - 2 There are two Aid Posts in the area. One at Marambu and the other at Maranagi. Both Orderlies are local people and therefore there is no problems regarding discontent between the local people and the Orderlies.

11 - 3 At Gar village, it was noticed that the fresh water contained a large amount of salt. The Villagers obtain their fresh drinking water from this one resource. A water tank to collect rain water would be of value to these people.

12. Law and Order.

12 - 1 The area patrolled does not fall within any Police Zone and Police functions are the responsibility of this Department. The situation regarding law and order is generally good. There were no cases reported to the patrol to suggest otherwise.

13. Missions.

13 - 1 There are three missions active in the area patrolled. They are the S.D.A. Mission, Catholic Mission and the Methodist Mission. The Catholic Mission holds the large area of freehold land in this area. Put Put Plantation, owned by the Catholic Mission, has a large herd of cattle, and pigs. It also does extensive cash cropping. Cocoa and Coconuts being the main produces.

14. Cults and Unrest.

14 - 1 There were no reports of cults in existance in the area patrolled at that time.

14 - 2 There is a fair amount of unrest especially amongst the younger men regarding land. They have a fear that Tolai squatters may in time encroach on their land. It is felt that if Tolai squatters do in time move onto Baining land they will be forceably removed by the Bainings. This situation will have to be watched closely.

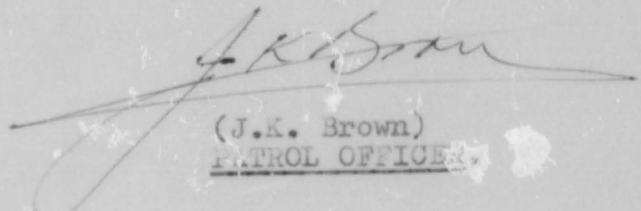
15. Community Development.

15 - 1 Little evidents was found of community development. It is felt that in future a greater awareness of community development must take place. As suggested the setting up of an advisory Body may help to stimulate this awareness.

16. Miscellaneous.

16 - 1 The author has tried to impress the fact that these people have not received the amount of assistance from the Government as they should have, and are therefore neglected. Although the building of a bridge across the Warongoi will greatly improve the economic and social standard of these people, it may not be enough in a rapid political and economic situation which is occuring in the Territory.

If a Base camp could be established in the area, with a Patrol Officer spending two weeks every three to four months there, then the people will be in greater contact with the Administration. At present this patrol is the third to visit the area, since July 1969.


(J.K. Brown)
PATROL OFFICER.

Mining Warden's Hearing.

The hearing took place near the Warongoi River Crossing at 14.00 hours on the 11th January.

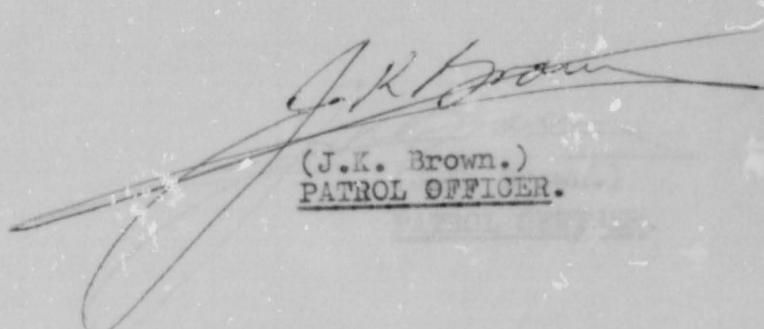
Those present were six Luluais and two Tutuls and approximately thirty landowners from the area concerned, plus a representative from Mingur Mines Pty. Ltd., the Mining Warden and myself.

Extracts from the Mining Ordinance and the statement given by the Company were read, out and explained to the people. The people seemed to understand all this for one or two questions clarifying the statement of the Company were asked.

Later evidence was taken from the people who disapproved the granting of a prospecting authority. Their reason for opposing the authority were that:-

1. They felt that their land will be taken from them. They also stated that if self Government is granted to the Territory, Tolais may dispute the Baining ownership of the land. Thus pushing the Baining back.
2. Not enough young Bainings educated to look after the affairs of the area if any minerals were found.
3. In the past they were not well informed of results of prospecting.

I am of the opinion that if Prospecting Authority is granted, the people will lodge a strong protest which could result in violence. For the granting of a prospecting authority is against the wishes of the Bainings as was noticed at the hearing and of meetings held in the villages visited.

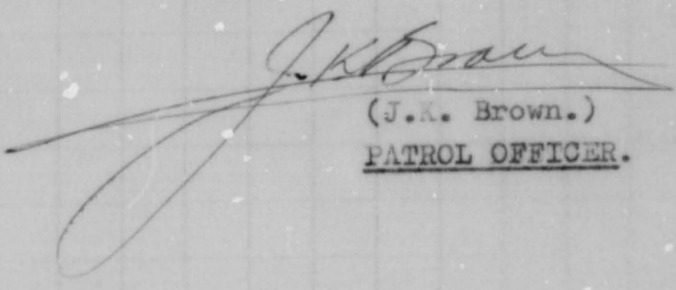


(J.K. Brown.)
PATROL OFFICER.

Register
APPENDIX B

As was instructed re Patrol Instruction the patrol obtained names of present and past Village Officials and their length of service. However, the patrol due to its nature did not visit all villages within the Census Division and therefore the next Census patrol will have to complete the list.

NAME	VILLAGE	YEARS OF SERVICE.
Walawanuk Sankualka L.L.	Sinbum	12
Wingelka Kandu T.T.	Sinbum	8
Nonukwang Kwnungum L.L.	Kiligia	25
Saru Tingam L.L.	Marambu	15
Warukmunei Nuwanga T.T.	Marambu	6
Pulok Butki L.L.	Gar	25
Kunanja Leelip T.T.	Gar	6
Barnituk Mangane L.L.	Lat	30
Wandum Nangam L.L.	Merai	25
Waruagus Liaigairum T.T.	Merai	5
Gnairetnuwong Kais L.L.	Ili	25
August Piringar T.T.	Ili	
Garagoil Goruka L.L.	Lemengi	6
Palus Kasengi T.T.	Lemengi	25


 (J.K. Brown.)
PATROL OFFICER.